Projects in NF Railway

1035. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing projects being executed in the NF Railway, indicating the date of sanction, original and present cost of projects, year-wise allocation and utilization made, progress of work, allocations for 2002-2003 alongwith the target set; and

(b) the details of additional budgetary support received from various sources to complete those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Additional funds to the tune of Rs. 40 crs. have been provided for New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon gauge conversion from the additional budgetary support given for expediting the progress of certain identified projects.

Fast Trains for Dwarkaji and Somnath

1036. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to connect Dwarkaji and Somnath with Ahmedabad and Mumbai, by introducing fast trains like Rajdhani Express;

(b) if so, whether any study has been undertaken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether traffic on the Ahmedabad-Dwarkaji/Somnath-Mumbai-Dwarkaji/Somnath routes has increased tremendously;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

(f) 6337/6338 Ernakulam-Rajkot Express via Diva-Vasai Road (Mumbai)-Ahmedabad has been extended upto Okha via Dwarka w.e.f. 09.11.2001 and its frequency has been increased from weekly to bi-weekly w.e.f. 09.01.2002. Further it is proposed to extend 5045/5046 Gorakhpur-Ahmedabad Express (weekly) to Okha via Dwarka during 2002-2003.

Statement

Passenger Traffic Profile-Comparative figures (May to April Figures)

Stations	Passengers booked during 1999-2000	Passengers booked during 2000-01	% increase/ decrease
Mumbai Central-Dwarka	19018	20815	(+) 9.45
Dwarka-Mumbai Central	8340	17827	(+)113.75
Mumbai Central-Veraval	18797	18618	(−) 0.95
Veraval-Mumbai Central	16245	17431	(+) 7.30
Ahmedabad-Dwarka	12966	13513	(+) 4.22
Dwaraka-Ahmedabad	6318	8969	(+) 37.21
Ahmedabad-Veraval	64209	69549	(+) 8.32
Veraval-Ahmedabad	54012	53320	(−) 1.28

Commissions for Rail Accidents

1037. **SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister** of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Judicial Commissions appointed to go into Rail Accidents during the last five years;

(b) the names of Judges appointed, with their tenures in Commissions;